



## South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (LAMP) Makes Strides with English as a Second Language Program

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South Central LAMP has been a busy place! The Center serves 117 adults in its English as a Second Language Program and provides childcare to the children of all the participants. The program strives to provide holistic care for all families who choose to enroll at South Central LAMP, by providing adult education and childcare concurrently.

The team at South Central LAMP provides Spanish-speaking adults in the community of South Central Los Angeles with the opportunity to learn the English language so that

they may be equipped with the language skills necessary to create a better future for themselves and their children. Each day the students put their knowledge of the English language into practice – from using it to call the office and ask a question



in English rather than Spanish, to the ESL III students who are challenging themselves to hold their third meeting with the Family Advocate in English – for better practice!

Also, a Family Book Club was added to enhance the linkages between the Childcare and ESL programs and promote family literacy. The

classes include presentations on why reading at home is important, strategies to make reading interesting and fun, developing motivation for reading, creating a reading environment



at home, selecting books for different age groups, incorporating a child's five senses into learning, and involving culture and holidays into reading.

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